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Welcome to the planet Mobius - - a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Dr. Eggman has tracked his wayward lackey to the Dragon Kingdom! But is Dr. Eggman the hunter – or the hunted?

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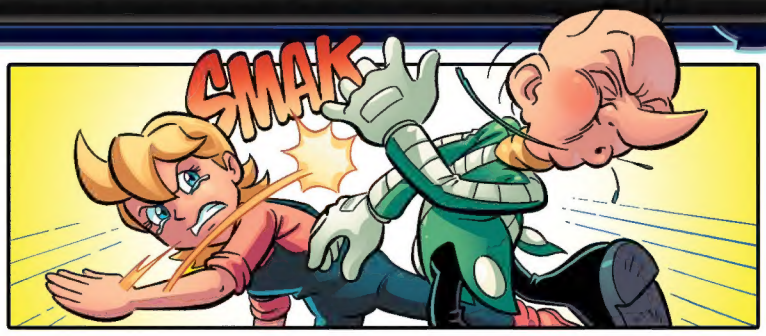
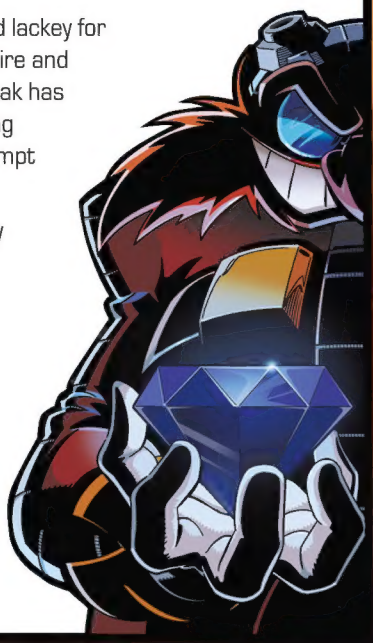


Doctor Eggman and his evil Eggman Empire have been on quite the winning streak lately! With the launch of his latest battle station and roboticization of Sonic's teammate and main squeeze, Sally Acorn, you're lookin' at one jolly evil genius!

Jolly, that is, until his faithful servant and lackey for years, Snively, turned traitor to the Empire and launched a daring escape! The little sneak has been on the run ever since, first stopping over in the United Federation in an attempt to recruit his kid sister Hope!

Hope thought for a moment that Snively had changed his villainous ways, but quickly discovered that this was not the case. Snively fled in disgrace, vowing to free his former flame, the Iron Queen, from her prison cell in the Dragon Kingdom!

But Eggman is in hot pursuit, and Snively is running out of allies...



WHO'S WHO

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EVIL DICTATOR

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TREACHEROUS LACKEY

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CYBORG SIMIAN, KING OF THE FREE PEOPLE

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LINE IN THE SAND
IRON FORTRESS
DRAGON KINGDOM
AS YOU CAN SEE, DOCTOR, MY CLAN IS STRONG. FOR GENERATIONS WE HAVE STOOD AGAINST THE OTHER THREE HOUSES, AND THE IGNORANT "FREE" PEOPLE!
MMM-hmm...
CONQUERING STORM
BRIDE OF THE RAIJU CLAN
DR. EGGMAN
HER BOSS

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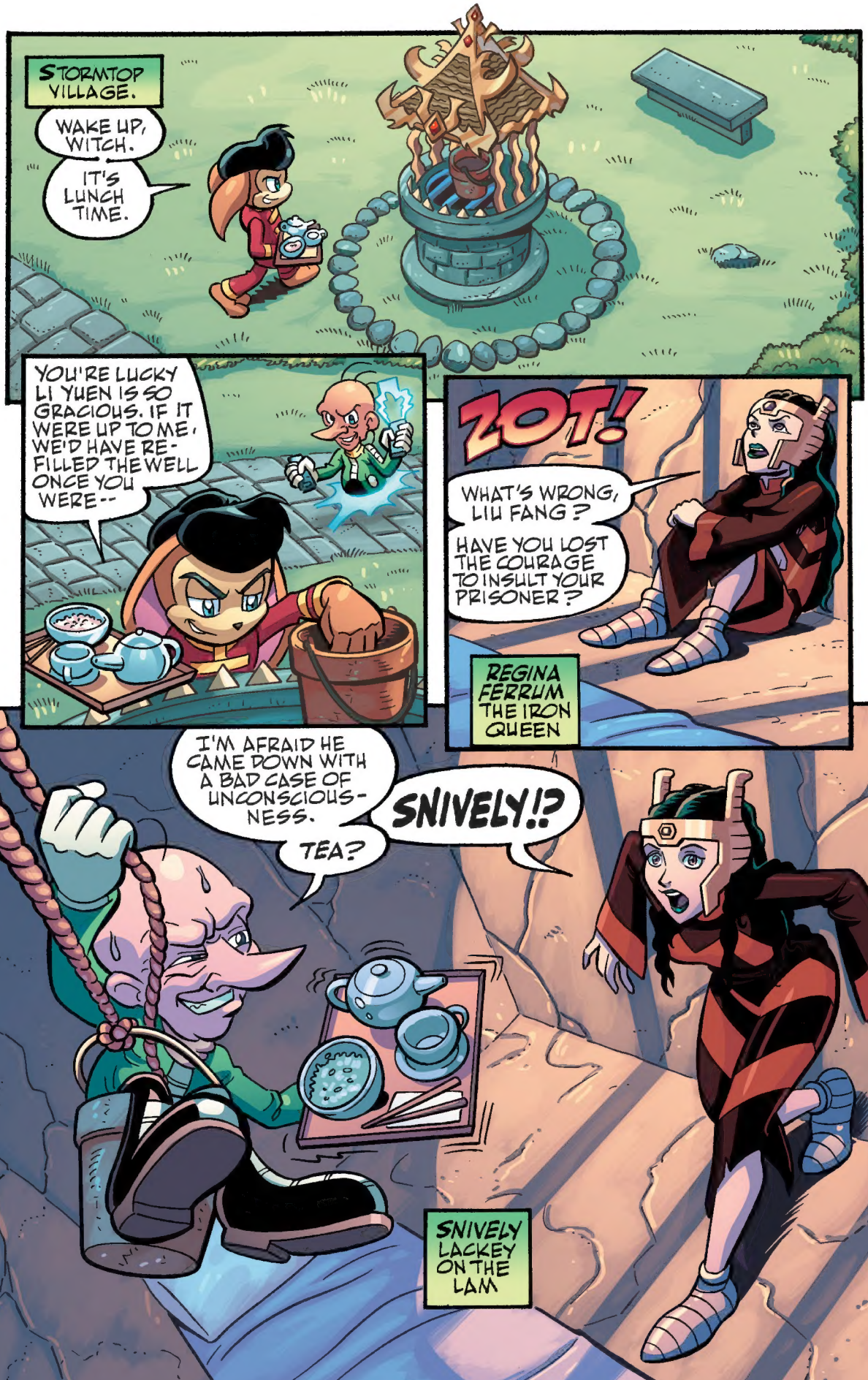
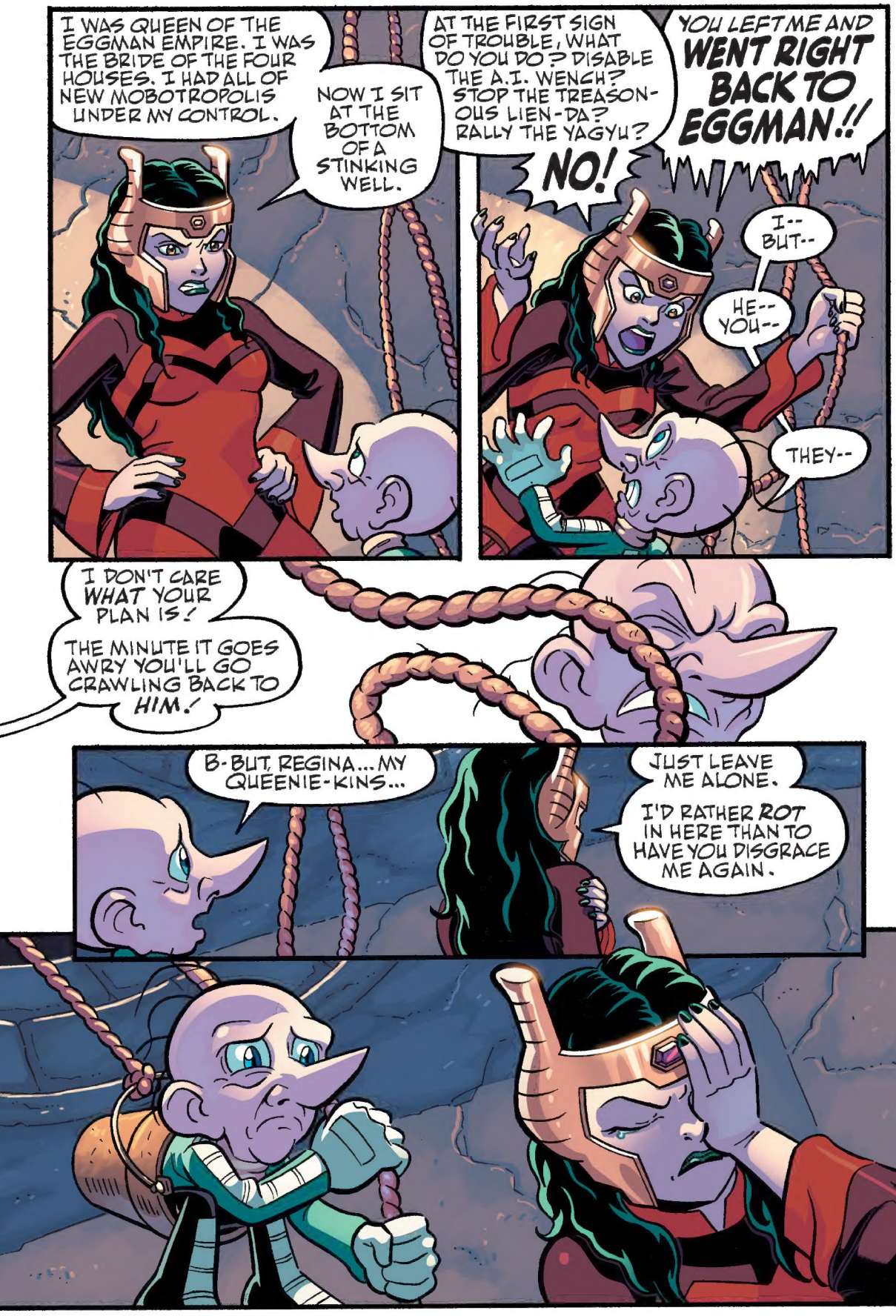
I SAY! THEY ARE A FRIGHTFUL BUNCH, DON'T YOU AGREE?
YARR! THERE BE TOO MUCH FLIPPIN' AND KICKIN' FER ME PLEASURE!
ORBOT ROBOT LACKEY
CUBOT HAS ISSUES
YOU DEMANDED MY HOUSE BE LEGIONIZED. I ALLOWED MYSELF A SLIGHT MODIFICATION FOR THEIR SAKE. AS YOU CAN SEE, MY CLAN DOES NOT NEED IT.
MMMM... LEGIONIZE THEM ANYWAY.
WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON OUR STRENGTH, SIR. TO BE LEGIONIZED WOULD GO AGAINST OUR LIFE'S PHILOSOPHY. IT WOULD BE THE ULTIMATE DISHONOR TO ANYONE LESSER THAN ME.
AHHH... I SEE NOW.
AND I DON'T CARE!
YOU'RE PART OF MY DARK EGG LEGION. YOU'RE ALL TO BE LEGIONIZED.
OTHERWISE, I'LL WIPE YOUR CLAN OFF THE MAP.

NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED, ON TO THE NEXT BIT OF BUSINESS! ANY SIGN OF JUN KUN?
NO, SIR! HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE THE LOSS OF NEW MOBO-TROPOLIS.*
OH, WELL. AND SNIVELY? ANY SIGN OF HIM?
*STH #210-211
NOT PRESENTLY, SIR.
PHOOEY. THE TRACKER IN HIS EGG JET SHOWS HE LANDED NEAR HERE.
I GUESS I'LL MAKE A STOP AND ASK REGINA. YOU GET BACK TO YOUR... NINJA-ING, I SUPPOSE. ORBOT! CUBOT! WE'RE LEAVING!
B-BUT YOU LET THE TINY MAN TAKE THE ANCIENT ARMOR FROM US HOURS AGO!
I DID.
BUT THAT WAS IN THE PAST.

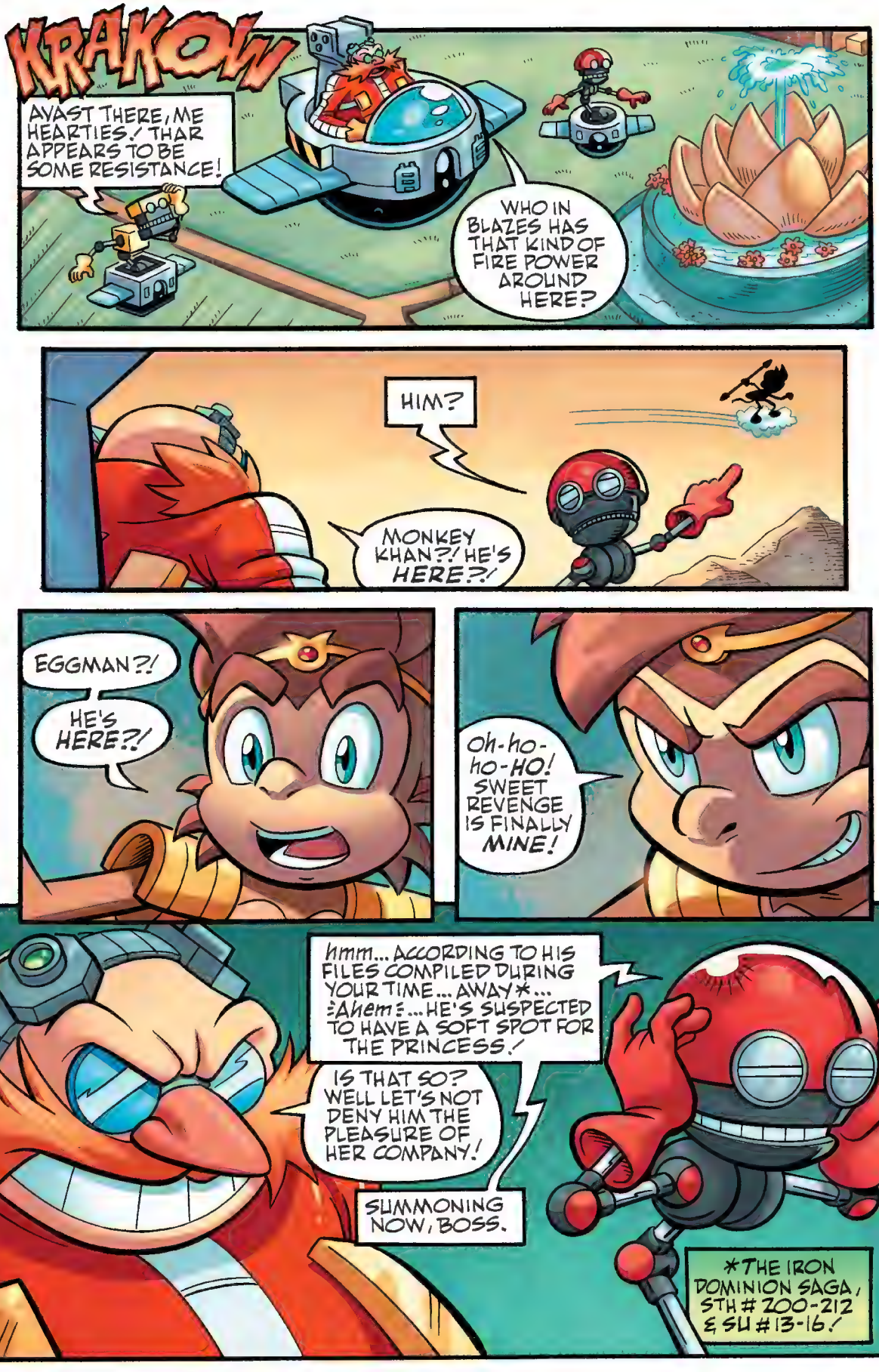

STORMTOP VILLAGE.
WAKE UP, WITCH.
IT'S LUNCH TIME.
YOU'RE LUCKY LI YUEN IS SO GRACIOUS. IF IT WERE UP TO ME, WE'D HAVE RE-FILLED THE WELL ONCE YOU WERE--
ZOT!
WHAT'S WRONG, LIU FANG?
HAVE YOU LOST THE COURAGE TO INSULT YOUR PRISONER?
REGINA FERRUM THE IRON QUEEN
I'M AFRAID HE CAME DOWN WITH A BAD CASE OF UNCONSCIOUS-NESS.
TEA?
SNIVELY!?
SNIVELY LACKEY ON THE LAM

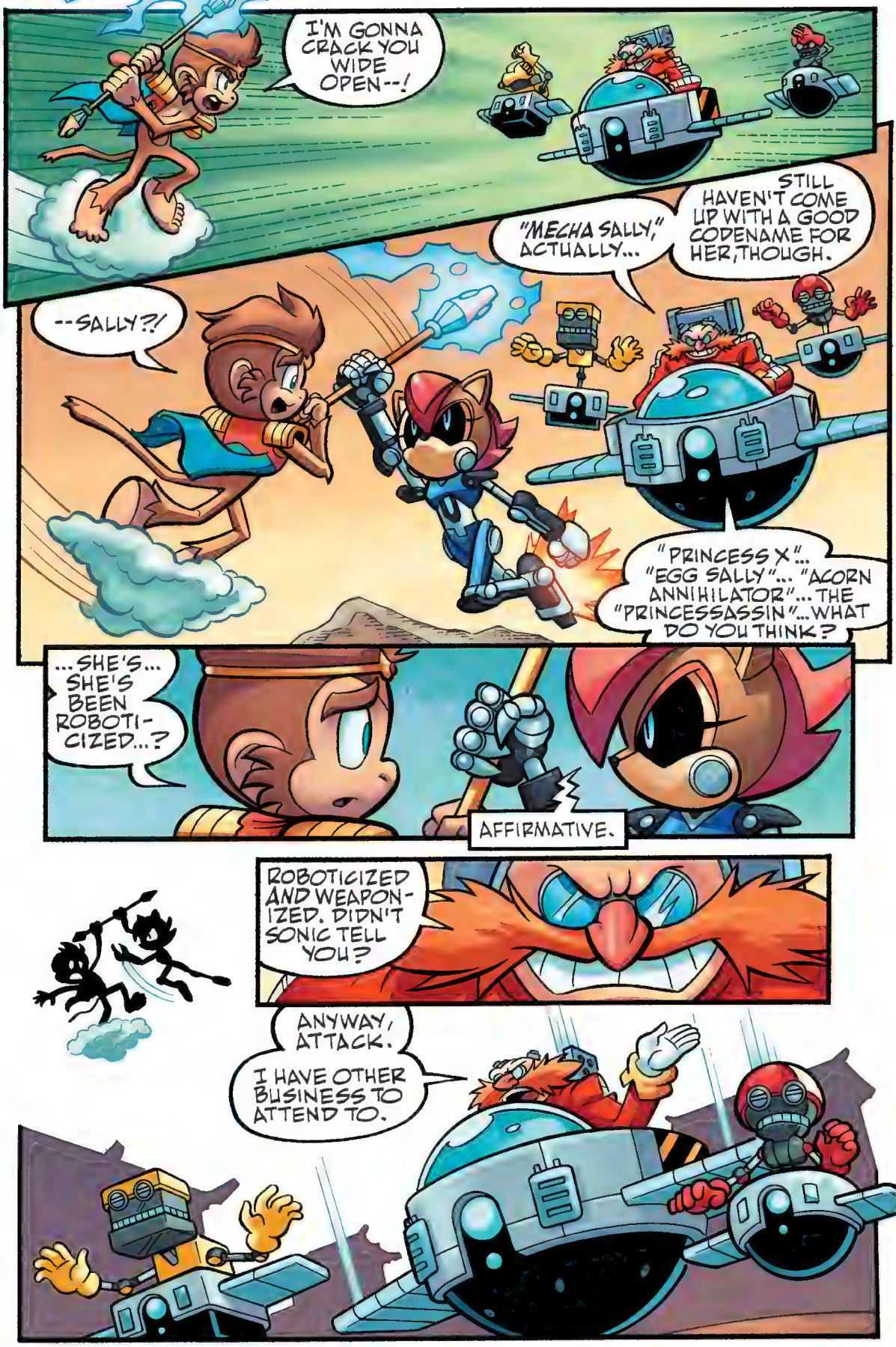
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
ISN'T IT-- URK... OBVIOUS? I'VE COME TO-- GRK!... RESCUE YOU!
I'VE REJECTED-- OOF!
EGGMAN AND--
HRN! COME FOR YOU!
WAIT UNTIL YOU HEAR ABOUT MY-- HUFF!-- PLAN! IT'S BRILLIANT!
ALTHOUGH THE DOCTOR IS TRAILING ME CLOSER THAN I ANTICIPATED. WE SHOULD HAVE TIME FOR TEA. AND THEN WE--
KLANG
REGINA?
SWEETIE?
HONEY-PIE?
DEAR?


I WAS QUEEN OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. I WAS THE BRIDE OF THE FOUR HOUSES. I HAD ALL OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS UNDER MY CONTROL.
NOW I SIT AT THE BOTTOM OF A STINKING WELL.
AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE, WHAT DO YOU DO? DISABLE THE A.I. WENCH? STOP THE TREASONOUS LIEN-DA? RALLY THE YAGYU?
NO!
YOU LEFT ME AND WENT RIGHT BACK TO EGGMAN!!
I-- BUT--
HE-- YOU--
THEY--
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR PLAN IS!
THE MINUTE IT GOES AWRY YOU'LL GO CRAWLING BACK TO HIM!
B-BUT, REGINA... MY QUEENIE-KINS...
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.
I'D RATHER ROT IN HERE THAN TO HAVE YOU DISGRACE ME AGAIN.

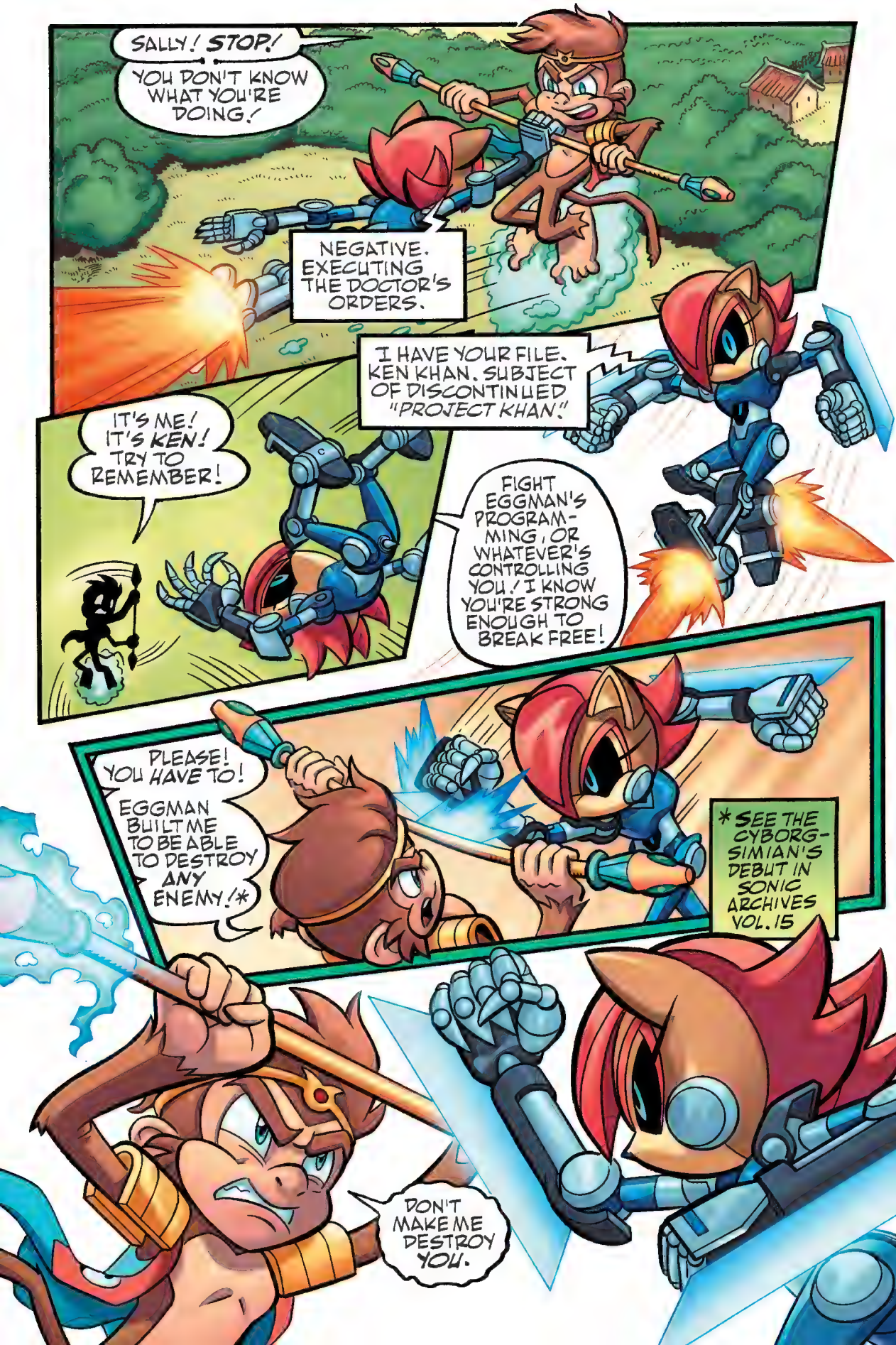
GONG
GONG
AAAAAA!
TO ARMS! TO ARMS!!
HE'S HERE...
I'VE MADE THE PREPARATIONS.
I CAN DO THIS!
I WILL DO THIS!
FOR HER!
BUT SO IS SHE. MY LOVE.
NO MORE RUNNING.

INTO THE TEMPLE! HURRY!
VILLAGE GUARD TO THE TOWN SQUARE!
HURRY, GRANDFATHER! THE ROBOTS ARE CLOSING IN!
NOT UNTIL EVERYONE IS SAFE!
GO, LI MOON! I'LL CATCH UP WHEN--
HALT! YOU ARE TO BE INTERROGATED!
RUN! I WILL STALL THEM!
I'M NOT LEAVING YOU!
KRAKOW
THE BADNIKS ARE TOO MUCH FOR YOUR MILITIA, LI YUEN! CALL EVERYONE BACK TO THE TEMPLE. I'LL PROTECT THE VILLAGE!
YES, AT ONCE. THANK YOU!
MONKEY KHAN KING OF THE FREE PEOPLE


KRAKOW
AVAST THERE, ME HEARTIES! THAR APPEARS TO BE SOME RESISTANCE!
WHO IN BLAZES HAS THAT KIND OF FIRE POWER AROUND HERE?
HIM?
MONKEY KHAN?! HE'S HERE?!
EGGMAN?!
HE'S HERE?!
Oh-ho-ho-HO! SWEET REVENGE IS FINALLY MINE!
hmm... ACCORDING TO HIS FILES COMPILED DURING YOUR TIME... AWAY*... :Ahem:... HE'S SUSPECTED TO HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR THE PRINCESS!
IS THAT SO? WELL LET'S NOT DENY HIM THE PLEASURE OF HER COMPANY!
SUMMONING NOW, BOSS.
*THE IRON DOMINION SAGA, STH #200-212 & SU #13-16!


I'M GONNA CRACK YOU WIDE OPEN--!
STILL HAVEN'T COME UP WITH A GOOD CODENAME FOR HER, THOUGH.
"MECHA SALLY," ACTUALLY...
--SALLY?!
"PRINCESS X"... "EGG SALLY"... "ACORN ANNIHILATOR"... THE "PRINCESSASSIN"... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
...SHE'S... SHE'S BEEN ROBOTI-CIZED...?
AFFIRMATIVE.
ROBOTICIZED AND WEAPON-IZED. DIDN'T SONIC TELL YOU?
ANYWAY, ATTACK.
I HAVE OTHER BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.

I AM THE EGGMAN, THAT'S WHAT I AM. ♪HUM-DEE-DEE-DUM... I'VE GOT THE MASTER PLAN...
LISTEN UP! WE'RE GOING TO PLAY A LITTLE GAME.
I'M GOING TO ASK YOU WHERE THE IRON QUEEN IS BEING HELD, AND EVERY TIME YOU STALL OR DELAY--
--AN EGG-SWAT WILL SHOOT--
SHE'S IN THE DRIED-UP WELL AT THE END OF THE VILLAGE.
YOU'RE NO FUN.
STUFF THEM INTO THE HANDFUL OF PRISON EGGS WE BROUGHT AND START BURNING DOWN THE VILLAGE.
THAT WASN'T VERY SPORTING, BOSS.
NO, BUT WHAT ARE *THEY* GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?


SALLY! STOP!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
NEGATIVE. EXECUTING THE DOCTOR'S ORDERS.
I HAVE YOUR FILE. KEN KHAN. SUBJECT OF DISCONTINUED "PROJECT KHAN."
IT'S ME! IT'S KEN! TRY TO REMEMBER!
FIGHT EGGMAN'S PROGRAM-MING, OR WHATEVER'S CONTROLLING YOU! I KNOW YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO BREAK FREE!
PLEASE! YOU HAVE TO!
EGGMAN BUILT ME TO BE ABLE TO DESTROY ANY ENEMY!*
*SEE THE CYBORG-SIMIAN'S DEBUT IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.15
DON'T MAKE ME DESTROY YOU.

REGINA! YOU'RE LOOKING "WELL." HO-HO-HO!
HILARIOUS, DOCTOR.
SUCH FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP.
YARR, IT BE A FINE PRISON-WELL!

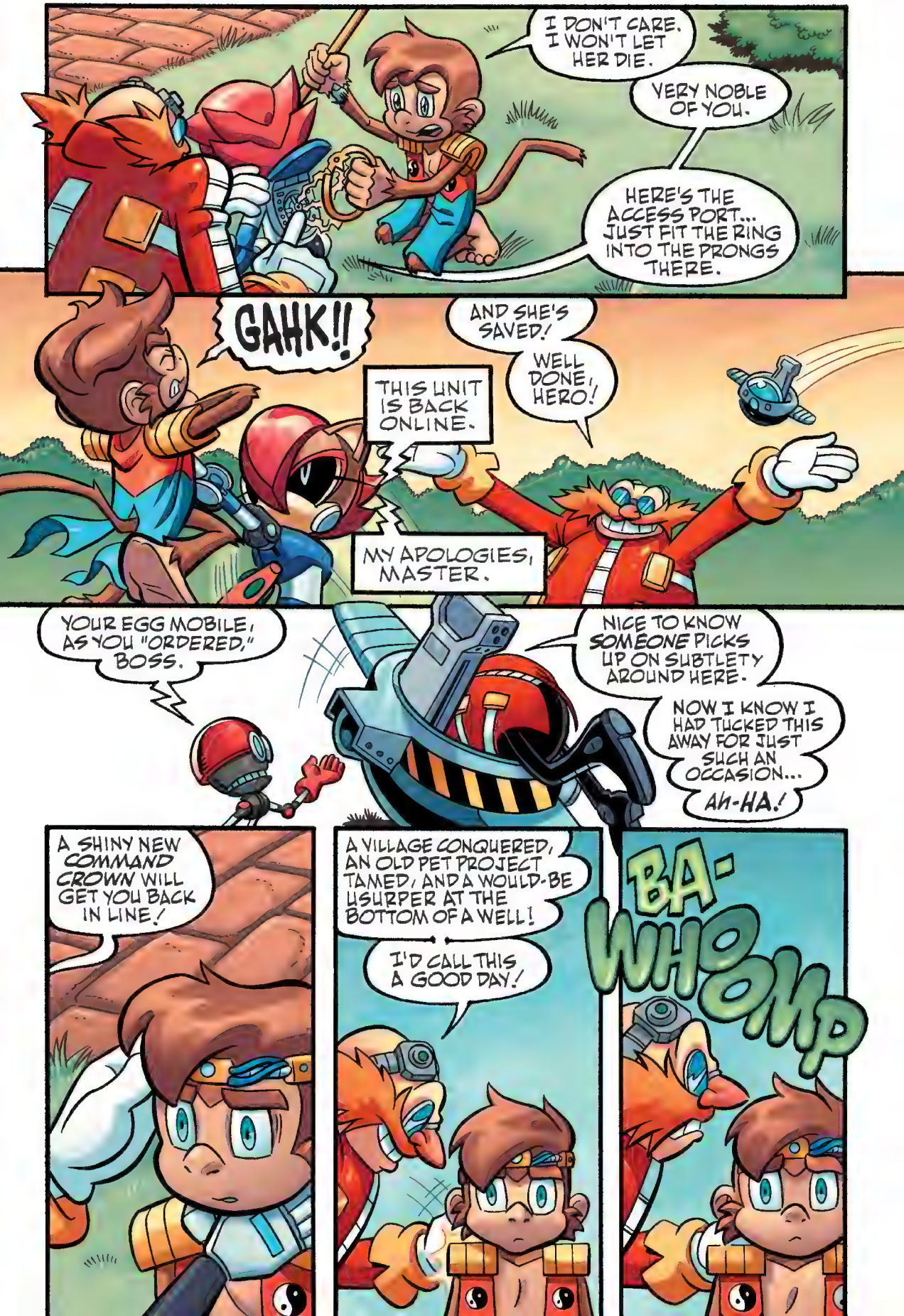
OF ALL MY SUB-BOSSES, I COULD TOLERATE YOU TAKING MY THRONE MOST OF ALL. I'D RATHER HAVE ANOTHER OVERLANDER IN POWER THAN SOME SCRUFFY MOBIAN!

YOU EVEN HAVE AN INTEREST IN MACHINES. BUT THEN YOU HAVE TO RUIN IT WITH THAT HORRIBLY UNSCIENTIFIC "TECHY-MAGIC."
"TECHNO-MANCY." AND IT IS AN ANCIENT ART ALMOST LOST TO OUR PEOPLE.
YEAH, WELL, GOOD RIDDANCE.

CAREFUL... CAREFUL... JUST ENOUGH TO DISABLE...

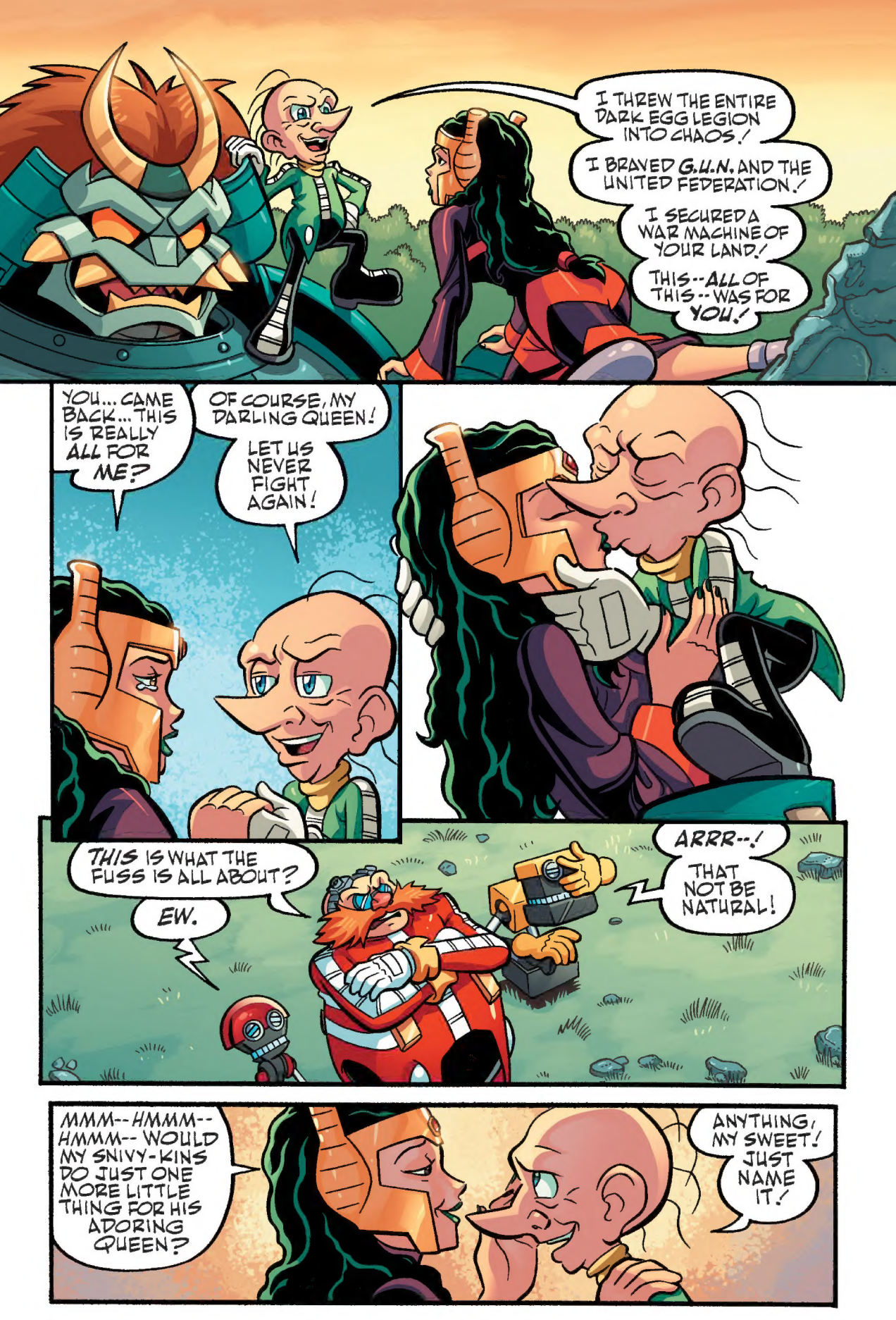
BUT ENOUGH ABOUT YOU./ HAVE YOU SEEN SNIVELY? I'VE BEEN LOOKING EVERY-WHERE FOR THAT LITTLE TWERP./
HE'S NOT HERE.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED YOU. DID HE STOP BY?
I'M NOT TELLING YOU ANY-THING.
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "YES."
BUT THAT MAKES NO SENSE. WHY GO THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE, COME ALL THIS WAY, AND THEN GO RUNNING OFF?
UP UNTIL NOW, I WAS BEGINNING TO BELIEVE HE ACTUALLY DID LOVE YOU...
ARGH!
FIRING "BOOM-FANT."

SALLY?
BWOOO
SALLY!!
DOCTOR! DOCTOR!! WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?!
hmmm? Oh, IT APPEARS YOUR LITTLE TUSSLE HAS DEPLETED HER ENERGY.
HER RESERVE POWER WILL KEEP HER RUNNING FOR A FEW MINUTES, BUT AFTER THAT, SHE'S ESSENTIALLY DEAD.
THEN GET HER A NEW BATTERY.
SHE DOESN'T RUN ON BATTERIES, YOU BUFFOON!
WHAT, THEN?!
POWER RINGS -- JUST LIKE THE ONE YOU USE FOR A CROWN. THEN AGAIN, YOU'D HAVE TO GIVE UP YOUR ADVANCED POWERS AND WOULD BE PRONE TO BEING CONTROLLED AGAIN!
UNDERSTOOD, BOSS!


I DON'T CARE. I WON'T LET HER DIE.
VERY NOBLE OF YOU.
HERE'S THE ACCESS PORT... JUST FIT THE RING INTO THE PRONGS THERE.
GAHK!!
AND SHE'S SAVED!
WELL DONE, HERO!
THIS UNIT IS BACK ONLINE.
MY APOLOGIES, MASTER.
YOUR EGG MOBILE, AS YOU "ORDERED," BOSS.
NICE TO KNOW SOMEONE PICKS UP ON SUBTLETY AROUND HERE.
NOW I KNOW I HAD TUCKED THIS AWAY FOR JUST SUCH AN OCCASION...
Ah-HA!
A SHINY NEW COMMAND CROWN WILL GET YOU BACK IN LINE!
A VILLAGE CONQUERED, AN OLD PET PROJECT TAMED, AND A WOULD-BE USURPER AT THE BOTTOM OF A WELL!
I'D CALL THIS A GOOD DAY!
BA-WHOOMP

BA-WHOOMP
KREE-KRAK
WHAT IS THAT?
I'M NOT SURE, BOSS! ALL OF OUR UNITS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR. SO, UNLESS SOMEONE HAS REACTIVATED A PIECE OF THE REGION'S ANCIENT TECH...
ARRR... THERE BE A FOUL WIND A'BLOWIN'...
BA-WHOOMP
WAIT A MINUTE... "ANCIENT TECH"? AND SNIVELY IS HERE, BUT UN-ACCOUNTED FOR...?
YES, SIR.
BA-WHOOMP
OH, DEAR...
KREE-KRAK
BA-WHOOMP

EGAD!
SMASH
SMASH
SMASH
SNIVELY?!
I TOLD YOU, MY LOVE!
I'M DONE WITH EGGMAN! I'VE COME FOR YOU!


I THREW THE ENTIRE DARK EGG LEGION INTO CHAOS!
I BRAVED G.U.N. AND THE UNITED FEDERATION!
I SECURED A WAR MACHINE OF YOUR LAND!
THIS--ALL OF THIS--WAS FOR YOU!
YOU... CAME BACK... THIS IS REALLY ALL FOR ME?
OF COURSE, MY DARLING QUEEN!
LET US NEVER FIGHT AGAIN!
THIS IS WHAT THE FUSS IS ALL ABOUT?
EW.
ARRR--!
THAT NOT BE NATURAL!
MMM--HMMM--HMMM-- WOULD MY SNIVY-KINS DO JUST ONE MORE LITTLE THING FOR HIS ADORING QUEEN?
ANYTHING, MY SWEET! JUST NAME IT!

DESTROY DR. EGGMAN!!
WITH PLEASURE!
IT'S BEEN NICE WORKING WITH YOU, BOSS.
Oh-ho-HO!
I'VE NOT YET BEGUN TO FIGHT!
THIS IS IT!! AFTER NEARLY TWENTY YEARS OF WAITING, IT'S EGGMAN VS. SNIVELY!!
WINNER TAKE ALL!
UNTIL NEXT TIME, CATCH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!